

# SOCIAL STUDIES SAMPLE ITEMS



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The following are items (test questions) from Grade 7, with the standard, the most closely-related indicator, and key for that item.

# Indicator 7-1.1

Use this map to answer the question.



How did the darker-shaded area become a European colony?

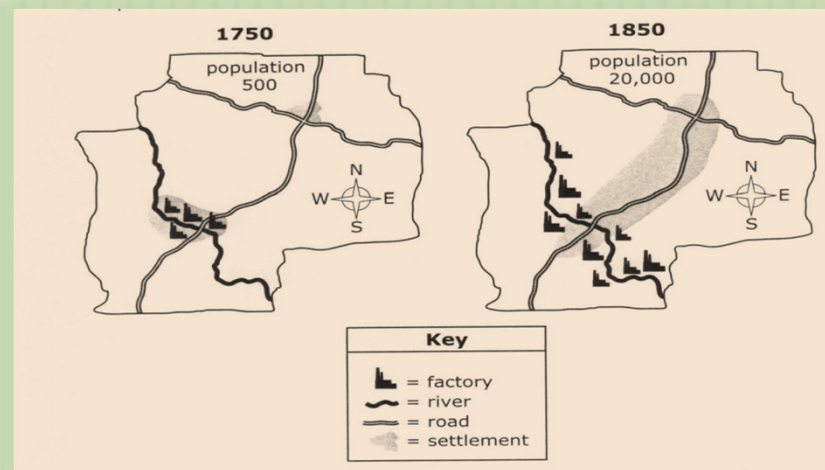
- A. French missionaries settled the area.
- B. Explorers claimed the area for England.
- C. The conquistadors conquered the area for Spain.
- D. A treaty honored the claim of Portugal to the area.

Key: D

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# Indicator 7-3.4

Use your knowledge of the Industrial Revolution and these maps to answer the question.



Which innovation caused the change shown in the maps?

- A. railroads
- B. electricity
- C. the water frame
- D. the diesel engine

Key: C

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# Indicator 7-5.5

What is the best explanation for the collapse of communism in the Eastern European countries during the late 1980's?

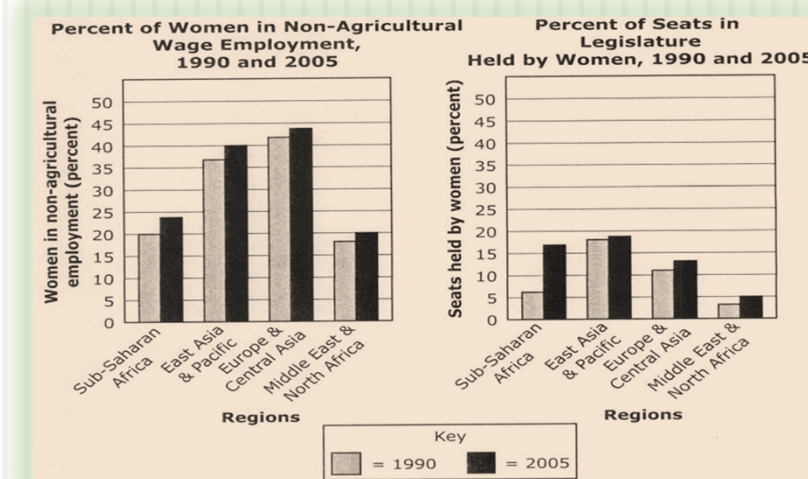
- A. military defeat by neighboring countries
- B. diplomatic intervention by democratic countries
- C. continued religious persecution
- D. economic discontent among the citizens

Key: D

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# Indicator 7-6.4

Use these graphs to answer the question.



Based on the information in the graphs, where did women show the **greatest** percent change from 1990 to 2005?

- A. Middle East and North Africa
- B. East Asia and the Pacific
- C. Europe and Central Asia
- D. Sub-Saharan Africa

Key: D

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# Indicator 7-6.6

Which action is designed to reduce the levels of greenhouse gases on the environment?

- A. increasing fossil fuel use
- B. decreasing landfill space
- C. restricting chemical pesticide use
- D. expanding public transportation

Key: D

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